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Mr. Mahboob Ali Baig :—" Will the Government examine it?"

•The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" No, Sir. In cases where there is a preponderance of any particular community, the preponderance will be corrected in due course by recruitment under the communal rotation rule, but promotion within a service is not usually affected by communal considerations."

Transfer of the proprietary estates of Bhadrachalam and Rekapalle to British possession.

* 414 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the proprietary estates of Bhadrachalam and Rekapalle came into British possession; and

(*b*) what the peshkash of the estate was at first, and how often it was enhanced afterwards, when and why?

A.—(*a*) In the year 1860.

(*b*) A summary settlement was made in 1861 and the amount of peshkash was fixed at Rs. 9,500. A regular settlement was made in 1867. This was revised subsequently on two occasions, viz., in the years 1890 and 1922. The revisions were made in accordance with the settlement rules in force in the Central Provinces, to which these areas originally belonged. Under these rules the revenue payable by the proprietors to the Government is increased or decreased in proportion to the total rent payable to the proprietor.

Mr. V. T. Arasu :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member the extent of the savings anticipated?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—" I must ask for notice."

Proposal to apportion Sathiavedu to Ponneri and Tiruvallur taluks.

* 415 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. Arasu: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal now before the Government to abolish Sathiavedu, in Chingleput district, as a separate sub-taluk and apportion it to Ponneri and Tiruvallur taluks; and

(*b*) if so, what are the reasons that impelled Government to take such a step?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The proposal is under consideration as a measure of retrenchment.

Extent of dry lands in South Kanara.

* 416 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total area of land classified as 'dry' or 'punja' land in South Kanara;